

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Applicant would like to thank the Examiner for the careful consideration given the present application. Reconsideration of the subject patent application in view of the present remarks is respectfully requested.

Claims 1, 12-13 and 16 are amended.

An applicant initiated an interview occurred on July 8, 2009. Examiner Adrian L. Kennedy, and Applicant's attorney Nobuhiko Sukenaga participated in the interview. The examiner and the Applicant's attorney discussed issues regarding the §112 rejection. The examiner and the Applicant's attorney also discussed the disclosed invention. All involved parties agreed to work together to move the application towards allowance.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 112

Claims 1, 12, 13, and 19 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, first paragraph, as failing to comply with the written description requirement.

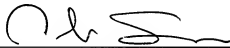
The examiner has found no support for "a second road shape which has a different shape from the first road shape." Also, the examiner pointed out that the applicant's disclosure at paragraph 0074 teaches the matching of road shapes using locations on the roads, which would not have been possible unless the roads had the same (and not different) shapes. Claims 1, 12, 13, and 16 have been amended to delete the phrase, "a second road shape which has a different shape from the first road shape." Thus, the rejection as it applied to claims 1, 12, 13, and 19 should be withdrawn.

In consideration of the foregoing analysis, it is respectfully submitted that the present application is in a condition for allowance and notice to that effect is hereby requested. If it is determined that the application is not in a condition for allowance, the examiner is invited to initiate a telephone interview with the undersigned attorney to expedite prosecution of the present application.

If there are any fees resulting from this communication, please charge same to our Deposit Account No. 16-0820, our Order No. NGB-34408.

Respectfully submitted,

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